

*61*  
 PATENTS TRADEMARKS  
 FEB 24 2004  
 RCE  
 3676  
 CC

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

## Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Address to:  
 Mail Stop RCE  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Application Number	09/443793
Filing Date	11/18/1999
First Named Inventor	David E. Albrecht
Art Unit	3676
Examiner Name	Alison K. Pickard
Attorney Docket Number	505-02

**RECEIVED**

FEB 27 2004

**GROUP 3600**

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
  - a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  Enclosed
 

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)	iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a

  - a.  period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
  - b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.  
 The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

  - a.  Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
 

i. <input type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)	02/27/2004 AHWONDAF1 00000048 09443793
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)	01 FC:2801 385.00 OP
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
  - b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
  - c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	William H. Eilberg	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	28009
Signature	<i>William H. Eilberg</i>	Date	2/20/2004

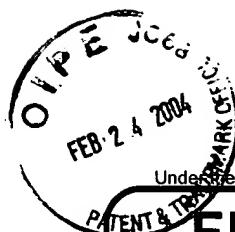
**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Name (Print/Type)	William H. Eilberg	Date	2/20/2004
Signature	<i>William H. Eilberg</i>		

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 440.00)

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/443793
Filing Date	11/18/1999
First Named Inventor	David E. Albrecht
Examiner Name	Alison K. Pickard
Group Art Unit	3676
Attorney Docket No.	505-02

RECEIVED

FEB 27 2004

GROUP 3600

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

1.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:  
 Deposit Account Number [Redacted]  
 Deposit Account Name [Redacted]

Charge Any Additional Fee Required  
 Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

Applicant claims small entity status.  
 See 37 CFR 1.27

2.  Payment Enclosed:  
 Check  Credit card  Money Order  Other

## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Fee Fee Fee Description  
Code (\$) Code (\$) Code (\$) Code (\$)

Fee Paid

101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	[Redacted]	-20** =	[Redacted]	X	[Redacted]	=	[Redacted]	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	[Redacted]	- 3** =	[Redacted]	X	[Redacted]	=	[Redacted]			
Multiple Dependent	[Redacted]		[Redacted]		[Redacted]	=	[Redacted]			

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Fee Fee Fee Description  
Code (\$) Code (\$) Code (\$) Code (\$)

103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	130 Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
112	920*	112	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1,840*	113	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55 Extension for reply within first month
116	400	216	200 Extension for reply within second month
117	920	217	460 Extension for reply within third month
118	1,440	218	720 Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,960	228	980 Extension for reply within fifth month
119	320	219	160 Notice of Appeal
120	320	220	160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	280	221	140 Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,280	241	640 Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,280	242	640 Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	460	243	230 Design issue fee
144	620	244	310 Plant issue fee
122	130	122	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
126	180	126	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	581	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	740	246	370 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
149	740	249	370 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
179	740	279	370 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
169	900	169	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify) _____			
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid			
SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 440.00)			

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 440.00)

## SUBMITTED BY

Complete (if applicable)

Name (Print/Type)	William H. Eilberg	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	28,009	Telephone	215-885-4600
Signature	<i>William H. Eilberg</i>			Date	02/20/2004

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No. 09/443,793  
Filed November 18, 1999  
Inventor: David E. Albrecht  
Title: FLANGE PLATES FOR  
FLUID PORT INTERFACES  
Examiner: Alison K. Pickard  
Art Unit: 3676  
File No.: 505-02

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE  
IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES  
POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN  
ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR  
PATENTS, P. O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA  
22313-1450, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW.

BY ..... *William H. Elberg* .....  
DATE ..... *2/20/04* .....

---

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

FEB 27 2004

GROUP 3600

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the final Official Action of November 5, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time, and a Request for Continued Examination, and payment for same, are enclosed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Attached are:

- 1) Amendments to the Claims; and
- 2) Remarks in support of patentability.

For the reasons given in the attached Remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner and early favorable action. If the Examiner has questions, Applicant requests that she telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

*William H. Eilberg*

William H. Eilberg, Esq.  
Registration No. 28,009  
Three Bala Plaza  
Suite 501 West  
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004  
215-885-4600

Attorney for Applicant